

Application Number 10/538634
Response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2008

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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments to the claims filed on July 22, 2008 be entered with this request for continued examination. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to clarify that the surface of the inorganic micropowder is treated with polysiloxane and fatty acid or its derivative and include limitations of claim 2 and 13, respectively, and further limitations of the fatty acid and the derivative as supported by the specification at page 15, lines 7-13, 15-17, and 24-28, page 15, line 29 – page 16, line 4, and page 16, lines 14-21. Accordingly, claims 2 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 7 and 18 have been amended to track the terms used in claims 1 and 12, respectively. Claims 5, 11, 16, and 22 have been amended editorially. Applicant respectfully suggests that the claims as amended are supported by the original disclosure and should be examined on the merits.

In view of the above, Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

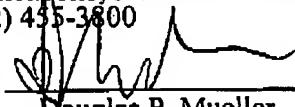


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